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The Honorable Tom Price, M.D.
Representative
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Price:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the work you have undertaken as Chairman of the Republican Study Committee to draft the American Energy Innovation Act. It is only through a comprehensive, reasoned, and balanced approach to our energy challenges that the United States will achieve energy security.

The American Energy Innovation Act's focus on innovation, conservation, and increased production of traditional and alternative sources of energy is the correct approach to utilize the vast energy, technology, and human resources America can employ to ensure our economy recovers fully, continues to grow and create jobs.

Marathon is a significant supplier of transportation fuels to the Georgia market, including the Atlanta-area where we are the second largest supplier of the specific state-required clean gasoline. As a fully integrated energy company, we are active in global exploration and production of oil and natural gas, oil sands mining, pipeline and other transportation, and best-in-class operation of the fifth largest refining network in the United States.

Marathon is proud of the investments we are making around the world and over the past two years Marathon has undertaken a higher capital expenditure than at any other time in the company's long history. We have invested in oil sands mining in Canada to help secure a significant and reliable supply of oil on our continent that is augmented by a large resource play in the Bakken Shale of North Dakota where we are utilizing innovations in horizontal drilling to produce with a limited footprint a resource that was unreachable even 10 years ago. A \$3.2 billion expansion of our refinery at Garyville, Louisiana is scheduled to be completed later this year to vastly increase the amount of clean diesel available in the marketplace.

Marathon understands that our nation's energy future requires a balance that provides more energy from sources with reduced carbon emissions and overall environmental footprint while maintaining economic growth and prosperity. We continue to invest in the domestic development of natural gas both offshore and onshore while utilizing the leading technologies to increase the resource produced while decreasing our footprint. As the United States enters the bridge period to our energy future, reliable and affordable supplies of natural gas will be ever more important.

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Global energy demand will continue to increase and it is only through technological innovations to decrease carbon emissions and improve energy output, conservation in both the residential and commercial sectors, and increased development of all sources of energy, including renewable sources and nuclear, that our country can maintain its economic competitiveness.

I applaud and thank you for your effort to undertake a truly comprehensive approach focused on delivering America's energy security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Clarence P. Cazalot, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clarence P. Cazalot, Jr.
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cc: Jack Gerard, Barry Russell, Tom Fry, Alby Modiano, Charlie Drevna,